

In the afternoon, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon at the historic Evermay house in northwest Washington, DC. Later, at National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters, he met with current and former astronauts.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and his wife, Ana Botella de Aznar.

January 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Tenisha Stevens. Later, at the Union Bethel AME Church, he visited with parishioners and participated in a roundtable discussion with faith-based and community leaders.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA, where, upon arrival, he greeted USA Freedom Corps volunteer Billiee Pendleton-Parker. Later, at the King Center, he participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and other King family members.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick Pizzella as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

January 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President met with L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Vicente Fox of Mexico and Mrs. Fox to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on March 5–6.

The President announced his intention to designate Linda Richey Graves as Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tony B. Gelbart and Harry Reicher

as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities: Kenneth L. Barun, Arthur Dean, Dennis Griffith, and Tracy Mueller.

The President declared an emergency in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 5–7, 2003.

The President declared an emergency in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 5–7, 2003.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 6–7, 2003.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on December 6–7, 2003.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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Fact sheet: President Bush Urges Congress To Make Tax Cuts Permanent